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SUBJECT: OSHKOSH TAXES

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT A FEE OR TAX OF ONE DINAR PER THOUSAND DINARS OF CONTRACT AMOUNT IS PAYABLE UPON REGISTRATION OF A CONTRACT WITH LIBYAN TAX AUTHORITIES. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER DUTIES, TAXES, ETCETERA PAYABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACT-REGISTRATION PROCESS. WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE A COPY OF OSHKOSH CONTRACT FROM WHICH TO CALCULATE AMOUNT OF TAX DUE FOR REGISTRATION, THE FIGURE OF \$3 MILLION APPEARS TO BE EXCESSIVE FOR THE PURPOSE.

2. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY RECORDS, OSHKOSH WAS EARLIER REPRESENTED BY TECHNICAL ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT COMPANY, 18 SHARA SAADUN SWEHLI, P.O. BOX 2436, TRIPOLI, WHICH ALSO REPRESENTED HARLEY-DAVIDSON, AND WHOSE SALES MANAGER FOR A TIME WAS UK CITIZEN RONALD EDWARDS. EMBASSY HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH OSHKOSH OR TECHNICAL ENGINEERING REPRESENTATIVES IN RECENT MONTHS AND DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER THEIR RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY OTHER BUSINESSMEN THAT EDWARDS IS NO LONGER IN LIBYA.

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